



EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Re: El Rancho Unified School District November 8, 2016 Bond Measure Election

Enclosed please find the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education RESOLUTION NO. 01-2016/2017 "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER" adopted on August 5, 2016 calling for a November 8, 2016 local bond election.

Also enclosed is our Tax Rate Statement.

We expect Exhibit B to be printed in its entirety in each sample ballot/voter pamphlet.

By this letter we are formally requesting to review a proof of the ballot statement language, the full text of the ballot proposition, impartial analysis and ballot arguments that would appear in the voter pamphlet prior to publishing. Please direct this proof to the undersigned as soon as it is available.

We believe that Education Code Section 15122.5 is not applicable and we request that the County not include the following "State Matching Funds" language in the ballot or voter pamphlet:

"Approval of Measure _____ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Los Angeles Community College District that are the subject of bonds under Measure _____ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure _____. The district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

If possible, the District would like to request the measure letter designation of "E," or alternatively "EE" or "ER."

We would be more than happy to provide you with the resolution electronically in order to facilitate your work, or to assist with this process in any other manner.

ADMINISTRATION

Roxane Fuentes, Ed.D.
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This letter also authorizes you to contact Carlos Villafuerte of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, our bond counsel, at (415) 283-2251, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin Galindo", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Martin Galindo
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Carlos Villafuerte

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the El Rancho Unified School District (the “Board”) has determined that local neighborhood schools and facilities within the El Rancho Unified School District (the “District”), need to be acquired, constructed and improved to meet today’s academic and safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to giving its students the skills they need to graduate high school and so that they are prepared for college and jobs of the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that El Rancho High School is an important local institution that has served the community for over 60 years, and that it should be modernized and upgraded to better serve students in the decades to come; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that, in order to provide safe and healthy learning environments for students, basic upgrades to our schools are needed, including repairing aging and leaky roofs, removing asbestos and other hazardous materials; and replacing outdated heating, air conditioning and plumbing systems; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the “State”) is unable to provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain and expand its educational facilities notwithstanding ongoing efforts to obtain such monies; and

WHEREAS, in the considered judgment of the Board, it is in the best interests of the District residents to provide facility improvement funding to meet such needs now by means of a general obligation bond, since the evidence indicates that if these needs are not addressed now, they will only become more pressing and more costly; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the feasibility of a local bond measure and the District’s bonding capacity; and

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WHEREAS, the local measure will include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens’ oversight of all funds and mandatory annual financial audits to ensure funds are spent only as authorized; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 46, approved by the voters of the State on June 3, 1986 (“Proposition 46”), amended Section 1(b) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by adding a provision which exempts from the 1% of full cash value limitation, those ad valorem taxes used to pay for debt service on any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the proposition; and

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NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

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Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 8, 2016.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A", incorporated by reference herein, and containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds on behalf of the District to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. The ballot propositions in Exhibit "A" and "B" shall be subject to the following requirements and determinations:

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Section 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters no later than August 12, 2016.

Section 8. That any Bonds issued pursuant to Section 15264 *et seq.* of the California Education Code hereto or pursuant to California Government Code Section 53506. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by California Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by California Government Code Section 53531.

Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass of the returns of the election be made by anybody or official authorized by law to canvass such returns, and that the Board consents to such consolidation. The Board further authorizes the submission of a tax rate statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, to be filed with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters by the established deadlines.

Section 10. Pursuant to California Education Code Section 5303 and Elections Code Section 10002, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code Section 10418 relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Elections Code Section 9401) pursuant to the terms of California Education Code Section 5363 and Elections Code Section 12112.


ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 5th day of August, 2016.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EL RANCHO
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By


President

Attest:


Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)ss
LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

I, Martin Galindo, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 01-2016/2017, which was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the El Rancho Unified School District at the meeting thereof held on the 5th day of August, 2016, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1

ABSTENTIONS: 0

By  _____
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

“To modernize/rebuild El Rancho High School for the 21st Century, prepare students for jobs of the future, improve/expand science/career training labs, repair/improve neighborhood schools, including aging classrooms, roofs, restrooms, heating/air conditioning/electrical systems, strengthen school safety/security, and repair/acquire/construct school sites and facilities, shall El Rancho Unified School District issue \$200,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, requiring annual audits, citizen oversight and no money for administrator salaries, all funds for local schools?

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the El Rancho Unified School District.

“To modernize/rebuild El Rancho High School for the 21st Century, prepare students for jobs of the future, improve/expand science/career training labs, repair/improve neighborhood schools, including aging classrooms, roofs, restrooms, heating/air conditioning/electrical systems, strengthen school safety/security, and repair/acquire/construct school sites and facilities, shall El Rancho Unified School District issue \$200,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, requiring annual audits, citizen oversight and no money for administrator salaries, all funds for local schools?”

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Education of the El Rancho Unified School District is committed to providing a modern learning environment in **local schools** with safe, secure and upgraded classrooms which **attract** and help retain qualified **teachers** and prepare our **students for college and jobs of the future**. To that end, the Board evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, enrollment, class size reduction, and technology in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as such are outlined in the District’s Student Centric Facilities Master Plan, dated as of December 9, 2014, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety (the “Master Plan”), and available for review on the District’s website (www.erusd.org). Therefore, in approving this Project List, the Board of Education determines that **the District must:**

- (i) **Make sure District schools have facilities to train students with modern career skills for jobs of the future;**
- (ii) **Modernize and transform El Rancho High School to meet 21st Century educational needs and health and safety standards;**
- (iii) **Make urgent repairs at District schools – repair leaky and aging roofs, remove asbestos and other hazardous materials, upgrade heating and air conditioning and replace outdated plumbing, wiring, and sewer systems; and**
- (iv) **ADHERE TO SPECIFIC FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS such as:**
 - (a) **All funds must be spent locally on District schools, and no funds will be spent on administrators’ salaries or pensions.**
 - (b) **An independent citizens’ oversight committee must be appointed to ensure that all funds are spent only as authorized.**
 - (c) **All expenditures must be subject to annual independent financial and performance audits.**

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools and sites:

Modernization, Safety and Security Projects

Goal and Purpose: Several local schools are deteriorating badly and are in need of repair, including El Rancho High School, which is one of the community's most important institutions and which has served the community well for over 60 years.

This measure will make urgent repairs to modernize school facilities to meet current academic and health and safety standards. This measure will rebuild and modernize El Rancho High School to improve science and technology education and strengthen El Rancho High's partnerships with local colleges and universities.

- Rebuild and modernize El Rancho High School to meet 21st Century educational standards
- **Repair or replace leaky or aging roofs, wiring, electrical and plumbing systems.**
- Upgrade and install new security systems, such as alarms, fencing, lighting and fire safety systems.
- **Upgrade aging heating and air conditioning systems.**
- Repair or replace outdated classrooms, restrooms, labs and school buildings.
- **Remove asbestos and other hazardous materials from older schools.**
- Replace portable classrooms and restrooms with permanent structures.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of architectural, engineering, and similar planning and design costs, program/project management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: installation of signage and fencing; repair and renovate student and staff restrooms; repair and replace heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, floors, walls, doors and drinking fountains; improve school facilities for disability access; install or upgrade shade structures, wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade or construct classrooms, libraries, labs, cafeterias, visual and performing arts buildings, media centers and support facilities, including administrative, physical education, and central and site kitchens; replace deteriorating portable classrooms with permanent buildings; repair and replace gas, water and sewer systems and lines and plumbing systems, fire alarms, phone systems, emergency communication systems, security systems, doors and locks; resurface or replace hard courts, asphalt, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping; improve outdoor learning spaces; expand, improve or relocate parking lots and drop-off/pick-up areas for safety or traffic

mitigation; acquire land; interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; improve existing or construct new athletic fields; upgrade or construct support facilities and physical education facilities, including tracks, bleachers, gyms, stadiums, pools, locker rooms; install unitary surfacing in existing playgrounds; and replace outdated security fences and security cameras (including access control systems). The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing administrative work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of California Government Code § 53410.

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THIS BOND HAS STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES, INCLUDING:

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

**TAX RATE STATEMENT
REGARDING PROPOSED
\$200,000,000.00
EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

An election will be held in the El Rancho Unified School District (the "District") on November 8, 2016, to authorize the sale of up to \$200,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the proposition. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to issue the Bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9404 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 9.9 cents per \$100 (\$99 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2017-18.
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4. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$382,100,000.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value, which could be more or less than the assessed value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply, and the actual total debt service, may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the

amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: August 8, 2016.

/s/ Martin Galindo
Martin Galindo, Superintendent
El Rancho Unified School District

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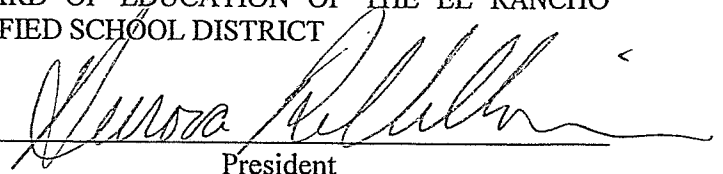
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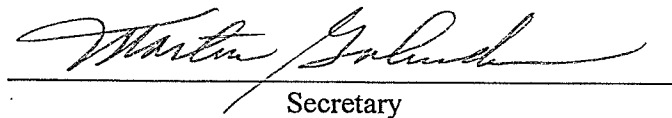
ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 5th day of August, 2016.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EL RANCHO
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By


President

Attest:


Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

I, Martin Galindo, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 01-2016/2017, which was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the El Rancho Unified School District at the meeting thereof held on the 5th day of August, 2016, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1

ABSTENTIONS: 0

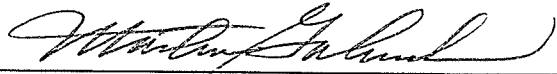
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EXHIBIT A

“To modernize/rebuild El Rancho High School for the 21st Century, prepare students for jobs of the future, improve/expand science/career training labs, repair/improve neighborhood schools, including aging classrooms, roofs, restrooms, heating/air conditioning/electrical systems, strengthen school safety/security, and repair/acquire/construct school sites and facilities, shall El Rancho Unified School District issue \$200,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, requiring annual audits, citizen oversight and no money for administrator salaries, all funds for local schools?

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the El Rancho Unified School District.

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Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Education of the El Rancho Unified School District is committed to providing a modern learning environment in **local schools** with safe, secure and upgraded classrooms which **attract** and help retain qualified **teachers** and prepare our **students for college and jobs of the future**. To that end, the Board evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, enrollment, class size reduction, and technology in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as such are outlined in the District’s Student Centric Facilities Master Plan, dated as of December 9, 2014, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety (the “Master Plan”), and available for review on the District’s website (www.erusd.org). Therefore, in approving this Project List, the Board of Education determines that **the District must:**

- (i) **Make sure District schools have facilities to train students with modern career skills for jobs of the future;**
- (ii) **Modernize and transform El Rancho High School to meet 21st Century educational needs and health and safety standards;**
- (iii) **Make urgent repairs at District schools – repair leaky and aging roofs, remove asbestos and other hazardous materials, upgrade heating and air conditioning and replace outdated plumbing, wiring, and sewer systems; and**
- (iv) **ADHERE TO SPECIFIC FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS such as:**
 - (a) **All funds must be spent locally on District schools, and no funds will be spent on administrators’ salaries or pensions.**
 - (b) **An independent citizens’ oversight committee must be appointed to ensure that all funds are spent only as authorized.**
 - (c) **All expenditures must be subject to annual independent financial and performance audits.**

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools and sites:

Modernization, Safety and Security Projects

Goal and Purpose: Several local schools are deteriorating badly and are in need of repair, including El Rancho High School, which is one of the community's most important institutions and which has served the community well for over 60 years.

This measure will make urgent repairs to modernize school facilities to meet current academic and health and safety standards. This measure will rebuild and modernize El Rancho High School to improve science and technology education and strengthen El Rancho High's partnerships with local colleges and universities.

- Rebuild and modernize El Rancho High School to meet 21st Century educational standards
- **Repair or replace leaky or aging roofs, wiring, electrical and plumbing systems.**
- Upgrade and install new security systems, such as alarms, fencing, lighting and fire safety systems.
- **Upgrade aging heating and air conditioning systems.**
- Repair or replace outdated classrooms, restrooms, labs and school buildings.
- **Remove asbestos and other hazardous materials from older schools.**
- Replace portable classrooms and restrooms with permanent structures.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of architectural, engineering, and similar planning and design costs, program/project management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: installation of signage and fencing; repair and renovate student and staff restrooms; repair and replace heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, floors, walls, doors and drinking fountains; improve school facilities for disability access; install or upgrade shade structures, wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade or construct classrooms, libraries, labs, cafeterias, visual and performing arts buildings, media centers and support facilities, including administrative, physical education, and central and site kitchens; replace deteriorating portable classrooms with permanent buildings; repair and replace gas, water and sewer systems and lines and plumbing systems, fire alarms, phone systems, emergency communication systems, security systems, doors and locks; resurface or replace hard courts, asphalt, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping; improve outdoor learning spaces; expand, improve or relocate parking lots and drop-off/pick-up areas for safety or traffic

mitigation; acquire land; interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; improve existing or construct new athletic fields; upgrade or construct support facilities and physical education facilities, including tracks, bleachers, gyms, stadiums, pools, locker rooms; install unitary surfacing in existing playgrounds; and replace outdated security fences and security cameras (including access control systems). The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing administrative work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California.

Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of California Government Code § 53410.

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THIS BOND HAS STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES, INCLUDING:

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.



**NOVEMBER 8, 2016
GENERAL ELECTION**

El Rancho Unified School District

JURISDICTION NAME

County of LA Official Use Only: Date Received _____ Time Received _____

LETTER DESIGNATION FORM

Please complete this form in order to select your first, second, and third letter designation choice for your jurisdiction's measure to appear on the ballot. In the event your 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice is unavailable, then please select the letter(s) designations that the jurisdiction **DOES NOT** want selected for its measure. The 3rd option for letter designations would be to create a unique letter designation that is not identified below using less than three letters of the alphabet. For example: County of Los Angeles USD Facilities Improvement measure could use unique letter designations such as CL, LA, LU, UC, LS.

Select your first, second, and third letter designation choice by **checking** ☒ off and listing the designated letters below:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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CHOICES

1ST E 2ND EE 3RD ER

Select the letters that your jurisdiction **DOES NOT** want assigned to its measure by marking the letter with an **X**:

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List the Letters here: _____

In the event that your jurisdiction's measure letter designation is not available, then you can select a unique letter designation not shown above:

UNIQUE CHOICE

1ST ER 2ND _____ 3RD _____

The **last day** jurisdictions may request in writing specific letter designations for its measure is **e-83**. The letter designation selections will be approved and communicated to the jurisdictions by e-81. Letter designations are on a first come first serve basis in the order received by the Registrar-Recorder County Clerk Department, Election Coordination Unit, 12400 Imperial Highway, Second Floor, Suite 2013A, Norwalk, California 90650.

NOTE: PLEASE USE ONE (1) FORM PER MEASURE